



Notice of Intent To Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, this notice is to inform agencies and the public that the County of Los Angeles, acting through the Department of Public Works has completed an Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the following proposed project:

Project Title: San Gabriel Valley Aquatics Center

Project Description: The County of Los Angeles proposes to construct and operate (Department of Parks and Recreation) a publicly accessible aquatics center on 3.1-acre site that currently includes a parking lot and grassy playing field within the overall 9.36-acre campus of the (no longer operational as of June 2021) Temple Academy public elementary school (grades K-6). The project would include two swimming pools (i.e., 55-yard by 25-yard competitive pool, and 27-yard by 25-yard practice pool), an approximately 10,800-square foot pool building, and additional facilities including a parking lot, spectator bleachers, and electronic scoreboard as well as a new one-acre park that would include an exercise area, barbeque area, shade structure, potential pollinator garden, plaza and outdoor amphitheater. The new park would provide access to the adjacent County-owned and operated Allen J. Martin Park. The primary objective of the proposed project is to construct a joint-use aquatics facility available for both student and public use. The community, the County of Los Angeles, and the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (HLPUSD) maintain a desire for a publicly accessible swimming facility and community park at this location. The swimming pool improvements are designed to meet health and safety regulations related to operation and maintenance of swimming pools.

Project Location: The proposed project would be located on a 3.1-acre site on the Temple Academy School campus (a public-school site owned and operated by the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District), located at 635 California Avenue, within an unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles immediately east of the City of La Puente. The site is bordered on the north by single-family homes with Evanswood Avenue beyond, on the east by the Allen J. Martin Park (which includes grassy areas, a playground and splash pad), on the south by the remainder of the Temple Academy School campus with North California Avenue beyond the school, and on the west by East Temple Avenue (the City boundary for the City of La Puente runs down Temple Avenue in this area) and single-family homes located across East Temple Avenue. As discussed in the IS/MND the project site is not a listed hazardous materials site pursuant Government Code §65962.5.

Public Review Period: November 30, 2021 to December 20, 2021

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Availability of IS/MND: The MND/IS will be available for public review online at: https://parks.lacounty.gov/san_gabriel_valley_aquatics_center_intent_to_adopt_mitigated_negative_decl/; a physical copy of the document is available for review at: County of Los Angeles, DPW 900 South Fremont, 5th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Method of Submitting Comments: Written comments to the IS/MND must be submitted to Mr. Tom Afschar (postmarked or e-mailed) at the address or email listed above before 5:00 pm on December 20, 2021.